# MELBOURNE ACCOMMODATION



Your choice of accommodation depends on your personal needs, preferences and budget. The Victoria University Housing webpage will give your more information about housing and your options. Go <a href="https://www.vu.edu.au/housing">www.vu.edu.au/housing</a> consider the information and watch the short video.

### Victoria University Housing Options

<u>STUDENT VILLAGE</u> has <u>very basic</u> rooms with shared facilities. However, the Village does have a very active social life and many student events are held there. Is safe, secure and affordable and is located near a major shopping centre (Highpoint). It is about 10-15 minutes by public transport to Footscray Park campus. Contact <u>student.village@vu.edu.au</u> for more details and application forms. You can apply on-line.

<u>VICTORIA PLACE</u> is located across the road from the VU Footscray Park campus. It is a modern building with self-contained units. It has a common area and each unit includes a kitchenette, your own washer/dryer and small private balcony. Contact <u>victoria.place@vu.edu.au</u> for more details and application forms. Victoria Place has limited rooms, so early bookings are advised.

SUNBURY HALL also offers affordable living to students. Is located in Sunbury, for more information email: sunbury.hall@vu.edu.au.

#### Victoria University Housing Assistance

VU's <u>Student Housing Database</u> contains listings of rooms and properties to rent in established households and is supported by google maps so you see where the accommodation is in relation to your campus. The <u>Melbourne Transport website</u> can also assist you in choosing a location that best suits you.

The VU Student Housing Service maintains the Student Housing Database and can also assist in the provision of housing information and other options including commercial student apartments and temporary accommodation as well as tenancy information and advice. You can contact the Student Housing Service <a href="housing@vu.edu.au">housing@vu.edu.au</a>



You may want to join VU's Facebook Group <u>House Hunting Friends</u> and meet other students also looking to create households or if you need more support, you can apply for a VU Housing Mentor to assist you. VU Housing Mentors are current students who have experience in finding housing. <a href="http://www.vu.edu.au/facilities-and-services/housing-services/rental-assistance">http://www.vu.edu.au/facilities-and-services/housing-services/rental-assistance</a>

## **Homestay**

If you are looking for a 'home' environment to live in, Homestay may meet your needs. Contact VU's preferred Homestay Agent – Australian Homestay Network www.homestaynetwork.org

#### **Private Shared & Rental Accommodation**

If you plan to take private accommodation such as renting a room in an established household or a house or apartment to rent, you are advised not to sign any contracts or make any payments until you have arrived in Melbourne and can inspect the accommodation to ensure it is genuine and it meets your needs. It is also best to know your tenancy rights and obligations before you sign any agreement or lease as this is a legally binding contract. For more information see <a href="https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au">www.consumer.vic.gov.au</a>

#### Temporary accommodation on arrival

VU's Student Village and the Australian Homestay Network can provide temporary accommodation on arrival as well as the popular hostels and Backpacker accommodation listed below. A quick Google search will also show many other options, or contact the Student Housing Services for a more detailed list – housing@vu.edu.au

The Greenhouse YHA Nomad Hostels Hotel Discovery

### Other Educational Institution accommodation

Yarra House (NMIT) and RMIT will also accommodate other students – check out their websites for more information.

Some websites used to search for rental or shared accommodation in Melbourne:

www.flatmatefinders.com.au www.realestate.com.au/rent www.gumtree.com.au www.flatmateclick.com.au www.domain.com.au www.rs.realestate.com.au/share www.roommatefinder.com.au http://au.easyroommate.com

